

## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES  
April 24-25, 2003

APPROVED  
10/31/03

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
1430 N STREET, ROOM 1101  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

Thursday, April 24, 2003

### **Commission Members Present**

Patty Boyle	Janet Mangini
Don Burns	Emma Sanchez-Glenny
Patricia Flores-Charter	Barbara Rickard Monroe
Catherine E. Garbacz, Vice-Chair	Jim Woodhead
Karla Geller	Linda Wyatt
Angela Hawkins, Chair	
Fern Laethem	

### **Commission Members Absent**

Catherine Conrado  
Don Shalvey

### **Student Member Present**

Kevin Verdi

### **Student Member Absent**

Sean Rossall

### **Legislative Members Absent**

Charles Poochigian, Senate Member	Fran Pavley, Assembly Member
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### **Governor's Office, Deputy of Education K-12, Liaison Absent**

Lynn Lorber

### **State Board of Education Liaison Absent**

Robert Abernethy

### **Department of Education Staff Present**

Dennis Kelleher, Staff Liaison	Stacy Michel, Commission Secretary
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### **Department of Education Staff Present**

Alice Parker, Executive Secretary	Ronald S. Kadish, Director
Director, Special Education Division	State Special Schools

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Angela Hawkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and Commissioners pledged allegiance to the flag. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

### **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Introductions:** Two new commission members were introduced. The two new commissioners are Emma Sanchez-Glenny and Fern Laethem.

**Announcements:**

### **OPERATIONS & PLANNING (O & P) COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Discussion on the focus of the capital visit: Follow status of Bills that the Commission has already show interest.
- Patty & Jan will chair the Friday meeting opening.

**Commission Recess to Visit Governor's Office****REPORT: Special Education Division, Dr. Alice Parker, Director of Special Education, California Department of Education**

Dr. Parker spoke about HR1350 and her concerns about discipline provisions. She also spoke about a Federal project that presents creative ways to certify special education teachers after which she shared to the Commission her goals as President of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education.

**REPORT: Special Education Division, Dr. Ronald Kadish, Director of State Special Schools, California Department of Education**

Dr. Kadish began by explaining his position within the Department to the new Commissioners. He then introduced a video that describes a new program at the California School of the Blind which is a low vision clinic operated in conjunction with the University of California Berkeley School of Optometry.

**REPORT: Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Activities, Tom Scovill, Director, Shasta County SELPA**

Mr. Scovill spoke about drafting the language for IDEA Reauthorization (HR 1350). He expressed that the meeting with Bill Lucia, a staffer of Senator Gregg, Chair of the Education Committee, was especially productive. He then discussed Maintenance of Effort. He also discussed Size and Scope Standards for language that will go before the CSB in May. Mr. Scovill then clarified the Commission's position on the CAHSEE as well as several other Legislative and Senate bills.

**REPORT: Special Education Administrator of County Offices (SEACO) Activities, Gary Moe, Director, Division of Special Education, Sonoma County Office of Education**

Mr. Moe spoke about the SEACO meeting in May, 2003. The focus of this meeting was teacher support, recruitment and retention, training instructional assistants, and Local Education Agency Plan. Mr. Moe also discussed the draft of IDEA Reauthorization recommended to California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA). Mr. Moe also discussed a Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) workgroup coordinated by Student Programs and Services Steering Committee which was scheduled to meet April 22 –23, 2003 in Ontario.

**PRESENTATION: Legislative Update, Paul Hinkle, Consultant, California Department of Education**

Paul Hinkle spoke on HR 1350 and other bills, however there have been many substantial changes in these bills.

**PRESENTATION: Brief Update: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Current Impacts on Special Education, Janet Canning, Consultant, California Department of Education**

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Update Janet Canning, Consultant, gave a general overview of NCLB with focus on details in highly qualified teachers and qualified paraprofessionals. Several slides were displayed showing the relationship and timelines of implementation. The State Board of Education (SBE) will hear information on these subjects at their June meeting and are expected to take action in June or July. The State must meet a September 2003 NCLB submission deadline with the US Department of Education. Detailed agenda items on "highly qualified teacher" and "qualified paraprofessional" can be found at the SBE web site: < <http://www.cde.ca.gov/board/> >.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 25, 2003****Commission Members Present**

Patty Boyle	Janet Mangini
Don Burns	Barbara Rickard Monroe
Patrica Flores-Charter	Jim Woodhead
Catherine E. Garbacz, Vice-Chair	Linda Wyatt
Karla Geller	

**Commission Members Absent**

Catherine Conrado	Don Shalvey
Angela Hawkins, Chair	
Fern Laethem	
Emma Sanchez-Glenny	

**Student Members Present**

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**Department of Education Staff Present**

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**Department of Education Staff Absent**

Ronald S. Kadish, Director State Special Schools Division	Alice Parker, Executive Secretary Director, Special Education Division
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**STUDENT MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Kevin Verdi is still active in many activities.

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**MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION JANUARY 2003 MEETING BE  
APPROVED:  
BOYLE/MANGINI**

**Debriefing Legislative Visits:**

Each Commissioner discussed his or her visit to the capitol.

**Public Input**

Sue Kawasasaki – CARS +  
27932 India Rock Dr. 90275  
Topic- Convention

**Prioritize and report on Legislative bills**

The updated Bill information is posted in Appendix A.

**PRESENTATION: Update on Department of Rehabilitation Services for Transition, Jeff Rial, Manager of Education Cooperative Agreements, California Department of Rehabilitation.**

Mr. Rial discussed three primary areas of interest which were: 1) The Department of Rehabilitation's current successes and outcomes regarding transition aid. 2) Ongoing Federal and State initiatives regarding services to transition aid with disabilities. 3) An update on the State budget. He then outlined the development of the California Department of Education's interagency agreement that addresses transition planning services for secondary students with disabilities.

**PRESENTATION: WorkAbility, Pat Dougan, Coordinator of Special Education and Special Services, Washington Unified School District.**

Ms. Dougan began by reviewing the history and successes of the WorkAbility programs. She put an emphasis on the importance of personal relationships in transition programs such as WorkAbility. She also described the history, successes and sources of funding for WorkAbility. Ms. Dougan also described the sources of funding for the Transition Partnership Program (TPP). She also introduced a SELPA director, instructor and students who are all involved in the Work Ability program.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

## APPENDIX A

## BILL ASSIGNMENTS

Bill #	Assigned to:	Recommendation
AB 298	A. Hawkins/K. Geller	
AB 300		
AB 356	J. Woodhead/C. Conrado/B. Monroe	Watch
AB 328	P. Boyle	Support
AB 467	D. Burns	Support
AB 490	D. Shalvey	
AB 615	D. Shalvey	
AB 662	D. Burns	
AB 780	P. Flores-Charter	Support
AB 956	J. Woodhead	
AB 1017	C. Garbacz/D. Burns	
AB 1038	J. Mangini/C. Garbacz	
AB 1336	C. Conrado	
AB 1337	A. Hawkins	
AB 1564	P. Flores-Charter	Opposed
AB 1575	P. Boyle	
AB 1010	D. Burns	Support
SB 6	L. Wyatt	
SB 145	J. Mangini	Support if amended
SB 187	P. Boyle	
SB 636	D. Shalvey	
SB 842	D. Burns	Support
S 4	A. Hawkins	
S 8	J. Mangini/J. Woodhead	
S 133	J. Mangini/J. Woodhead	
S 110	B. Monroe	
HR 398	L. Wyatt	
HR 464	P. Boyle	
HR 490	D. Burns/C. Garbacz	
HR 647	D. Burns	
HR 823	A. Hawkins	
HR 863	C. Conrado	
HR 864	A. Hawkins	
HR 79	P. Flores-Charter	
HR 1094	C. Conrado	
HR 1306	D. Burns	
HR 1350	L. Wyatt/P. Flores-Charter	
HR 1398	C. Conrado	